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Fort Riley welcomes home MPs back from Afghanistan. **PAGE 3A**

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Coach says 7-0 win Thursday evening was best all-around performance for Junction City team in quite awhile. **PAGE 1B**

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ENGINEER COMPANY EXPECTED TO RETURN

About 100 soldiers of the 111th Engineer Company "Assassins," 1st Engineer Battalion, 555th Engineer Group, are expected to return to Fort Riley this weekend. Friends, family and community members are invited to welcome the soldiers home and will be provided with more specific information as the ceremony draws closer.

The company deployed to northern Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in November 2009. During their deployment, the soldiers performed route clearance missions along main and alternate supply routes to clear the way for coalition operations in northern Iraq. The "Assassins" were part of a partnership with the 2nd Iraqi Field Engineer Regiment.

OMAHA, NEB.

JUDGE OKS FLAG PROTEST AT GI'S FUNERAL

A federal judge on Thursday expanded a temporary block on enforcing Nebraska's ban on flag mutilation, making a Kansas woman exempt from that law for a weekend protest outside an Omaha soldier's funeral. But state Attorney General Jon Bruning said he'll arrest Megan Phelps-Roper if she violates another law that prohibits picketing within 300 feet of a funeral or memorial service.

The constitution "does not allow a demented, sick protester like her to shout her filth to a captive audience of mourners," he said. "It is disgusting."

Phelps-Roper is a member of Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan., which is known for staging protests outside funerals of service members. She has filed a federal lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Nebraska's flag law.

WASHINGTON

NUKE SCIENTIST BACK IN IRAN

An Iranian scientist who defected to the U.S. returned home amid an escalating propaganda war between Tehran and Washington but without \$5 million that a U.S. official says he had been paid for "significant" information about his country's nuclear programs. The funds were barred by U.S. Treasury sanctions that prohibit the flow of American dollars to Iran.

One official said Amiri had provided the CIA with "significant, original information" that the agency was able to independently verify, although he would not detail the scope of the intelligence he provided. There was also no indication, the official said, that Amiri might have been a double agent sent by the Iranians to learn what the CIA knows about its suspected nuclear weapons program.

CORRECTION

A typographical error in yesterday's headline on page 1 should have stated U.S. Senate candidate Tom Little advocates abolition of the Internal Revenue Service, not the IRA. We regret the error.

CLARIFICATION

Geary County voters can vote in advance now at the county clerk's office, but electronic voting machines will not be available until a later date because of the need to retrain staff, according to County Clerk Rebecca Bossemeyer.

Gov. delays policy on drink pricing

The Associated Press

TOPEKA — Gov. Mark Parkinson ordered a state agency Thursday to delay enforcement of a little-known law that some bar owners believe would hurt business by driving up the price of alcoholic beverages.

The law, largely ignored since its adoption in the mid-1980s, requires drinking establishments to price drinks according to the amount of alcohol they contain — meaning they would have to charge twice as much for a 32-ounce draft beer as they would for a 16-ounce draft.

Bar owners and business groups began raising objections after the Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control division said it would begin enforcing the law Aug. 1. A liquor industry group had said it would ask Attorney General Steve Six's office to review the statute.

Amy Jordan Wooden, a spokeswoman for the governor, said Six contacted Parkinson's office expressing concern about the ABC's plan.

Parkinson directed the agency to hold off enforcement until the Legislature can

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REBECCA BROUGH >> THE DAILY UNION

A REAL MOUTHFUL

Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steamburgers General Manager Jess Appodaca checks in with customers (from left) Sean Johnson, 4, Rosemary Dahlgren and Vernon and Julie Johnson during the restaurant's opening day in Junction City Thursday afternoon. The popular chain dining facility is located in the East Chestnut Street shopping area, near Arby's, Taco Bell, JC Inn Best Western motel and the Holiday Inn Express motel.

Fawcett receives election support

Special to The Daily Union

Kansas Agri Business Council is endorsing Jim Fawcett, R-Junction City, for election to the state House of Representatives' 65th District.

"The Kansas Agri Business Council based its decision on Fawcett's fiscally conservative principles, rural upbringing, extensive financial industry background, service to his country and stellar reputation of giving back to the Junction City community," said Tom Tunnell, president and CEO of the Kansas Grain and Feed Association and Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association.

KABC is the joint political

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Mann's campaigning pays off in latest poll

BY GREG DOERING
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U.S. House of Representatives 1st District Republican candidate Tracy Mann of Salina estimates he's knocked on more than 18,000 doors in his bid for Rep. Jerry Moran's House seat in all 69 Kansas counties in the district, including Geary County. Mann said the fruits of those house calls became evident Wednesday when a poll commissioned by KWCH in Wichita showed him dead even with fellow Republican Jim Barnett of Emporia.

"It's been a whole lot of hard work," Mann said Thursday, noting that he has jumped 21 percentage points in the polls — from 4 to 25 percent — since February. "It's been a whole lot of work for a whole lot of people."

Mann believes his perspective as a businessman is appealing to Kansas voters who are tired of electing career politicians. "We need fewer politicians and more people with business backgrounds in Washington helping us," he said.

While Mann is currently a commercial real estate broker,

he's quick to point out that he grew up working on his family's farm in Quinter, Kan. and still returns annually to help with harvest.

Mann said it's that background that sets him apart from Barnett and the four other Republican primary candidates — Sue Boldra, Mark Cobb, Tim Huelskamp and Rob

Wasinger — ahead of the Aug. 3 primary.

In all his travels, Mann said his views on taxes, regulation and foreign policy have been reinforced by listening to Kansas voters. "We've had a blast going out and talking in all the communities in Kansas," Mann said.

Among some of Mann's views that have been bolstered are the need to trim the deficit and reduce debt by lowering spending rather than raising taxes. Mann said he couldn't foresee a situation in which he would vote for a tax



TRACY MANN

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Barnett eyes building strong coalition

BY GREG DOERING
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State Sen. Jim Barnett, Republican candidate for Kansas' 1st Congressional District, said Thursday his primary focus right now is winning the Aug. 3 primary against five other candidates. With a win, Barnett's travel budget would have to be expanded to accommodate interstate travel to achieve one of his goals.

That travel budget is already quite hefty in the 69-county 1st District, but Barnett pledged to spend two days each week before the general election creating a coalition of conservative candidates that could hit the ground running in Washington come January.

For now the Emporia doctor is locked in a tight race with fellow Republican Tracey Mann, according to a poll commissioned by KWCH in Wichita. Both received 25 percent of the votes in the poll while state Sen. Tim Huelskamp tallied 23 percent. Other Republicans in the primary race include Sue Boldra, Mark Cobb and Rob

Wasinger. The primary winner will face the lone Democratic challenger, Alan Jilka, in the general election.

Barnett said the poll numbers haven't changed how he's campaigning, noting he has been crisscrossing the district and was to attend an event in Hays Thursday night.

The former Kansas gubernatorial candidate adheres to a strict conservative agenda, citing excessive spending and regulation as the top issues he hopes to reform if elected.

"We spend too much, we borrow too much and we tax too much," Barnett said, while singling out the No Child Left Behind act as an example of over regulation. "Education is a state, local and parental issue."

Barnett contends that reducing regulation will reduce the government's size, thereby reducing spending by



SEN. JIM BARNETT

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LOTTERIES:

Winning numbers selected Thursday:

PICK 3: 2-7-9

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JUNCTION CITY SOUNDS OFF:

This week's question: What do you think about Fort Riley increasing its number of quarters on post?

I think it's a good idea. It would make living on post more affordable for soldiers.

— Misty Watson and Austin Clayton



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